

A motion was made by Mr. Croston to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters, (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation; or (a)(8) Student Discipline. Seconded by Mr. Carpender. So voted 7-0.

The Public Session was called to order by Ms. Wedge, at 7:00 PM. The following members were present:

Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Chair
Mr. David Croston, V. Chair

Ms. Karen Gleason
Mrs. Marjorie Levesque
Mr. Douglas Wilkey, Clerk

Mrs. Terri Cortvriend
Mr. Richard Carpender

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cofield, Mr. Elmasian, Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Katzman

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Ms. Wedge reported that an Executive Session was held at 6:33 PM to discuss a personnel matter, and one vote was taken. The motion passed 6-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed. Mr. Croston made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Carpender. So voted 7-0.

2. **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

a) **PMS Mock Trial Tournament Winners.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Carpender to commend the members of the PMS Mock Trial Prosecution Team for their achievement in the Mock Trial Tournament at Middletown Town Hall. So voted 7-0. Certificates were given to the following students: Kyle Oliver, Ryan Blankenship, Savanna Cortvriend, Brianna Lee, Bryan Baldaro, and Adam Whalley.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**: Dr. Lusi thanked the Committee for rescheduling the meeting to this evening, as she had a conflict with the prior date. She congratulated the students on the PHS AP Chemistry Team for winning the State Chemistry Competition at URI on May 23, 2006. Sjur Hofton placed second overall, and Aaron Borges placed third. She complimented the students' teachers – Kathleen Beebe and Tom Holstein. Dr. Lusi announced that the School Department is now using a web-based hiring and bidding tool called "School Spring." It allows people to apply for positions online, and it will greatly facilitate the hiring process. This program will be paid for with the money we will be saving by running smaller ads in the newspapers. We joined School Spring with our neighboring districts for a reduction in price. Dr. Lusi thanked Mrs. Brown for exploring this option with her colleagues and Mrs. Darmody for facilitating the implementation and training of the program. Dr. Lusi stated that she, Asst. Supt. Jermain, and Mrs. Brown would be attending the annual RISSA/RIASBO conference on Friday, May 26, 2006. This year's theme is School Finance. Dr. Lusi stated that she asked Mrs. Brown to hold off on budget

adjustments this evening. The Principals have been asked to spend extensive time on scheduling and staffing implications for next year, so they haven't submitted all of their budget adjustments. She requested that a special meeting be held on June 8, 2006, to discuss the budget adjustments, as well as the FY'07 budget, prior to the Town Council meeting on June 12, 2006.

- a) **Teaching and Learning:** Asst. Supt. Jermain congratulated 7th Graders Noelle Robinson and Rebecca Mutty for coordinating a food drive for the Martin Luther King Center. She announced that Professional Development is ongoing, and the teachers are rounding up the Math Investigations Program. A calendar for next year's Professional Development is being worked on. Trainers will be coming into the buildings on June 21, 2006, to go over the norms and protocols for what will be going on next year at the high school. Three additional sessions will be held offsite with the middle school teachers regarding vertical alignment and what our students are learning in all grades and how it dovetails in all grades.
- b) **Finance and Operations:** Mrs. Brown distributed a report on Medicaid and one on substitute usage through the last payroll. She stated that substitute usage is significantly better than last year. Mrs. Brown also reported on the results of the East Bay bid for No. 2 fuel oil. She reported that we are going with a 1-year bid with Dennis Burke. Another company was found for Prudence Island, and we will have to pay a variable rate of \$ 0.30 over the JOC posted price on the day of delivery. Mrs. Brown mentioned that the state was working on their MPA for natural gas for next year and that she would investigate how we could be involved in that bid. She also reported that when the transportation contract was negotiated, we were due a credit of \$200,000 for the current fiscal year. The credit document has now been received, so the large projected deficit in transportation can now be eliminated by applying the credit.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the minutes of the meetings held April 25, 2006, and May 9, 2006. So voted.

5. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Rescission of Teacher Non-Renewals.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Carpender to rescinds the non-renewals of Teachers 20, 23, 25, 29, 30, 31, 42, and 44-2/14/06. So voted 7-0. Mr. Croston made a motion to rescind the displacements for budget uncertainty of Teachers 56 and 57-2/14/06. Seconded by Mr. Carpender. So voted 7-0.

- b) **Discussion/Action – FY07 Budget Request.** Mr. Carpender stated that the Town Council is limited by what they can do, and the School Committee has an obligation to meet that. A discussion took place about possibly reorganizing the elementary schools. Mr. Carpender announced that a Finance Subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for June 6th at 6:00 PM. He asked that the entire School Committee attend the meeting. He also asked that if the Committee members have ideas they would like to explore, to please share them with Dr. Lusi so that she and her staff have time to look at the pros and cons, the financial impact, etc., so that information will be available for the June 6th meeting. Ideas from parents are welcome, as well. Ms. Gleason asked if there was the option of downsizing from three to two elementary schools. Mr. Croston stated that they would not consolidate down to two schools. Dr. Lusi stated that discussion had taken place about the possibility of surveying Kindergarten parents to see if there is interest in a full-day option for a fee. Mr. Croston suggested hosting a meeting for parents to attend and voice their concerns. That meeting was scheduled for May 30th at 6:00 PM.
- c) **Review/Approval – April Financial Statements.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Carpender to approve the April 2006 financial statements as presented. So voted 7-0.
- d) **Approval of 2005-06 Budget Adjustments.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the Committee approves the proposed 2005-06 budget adjustments as presented.” This item was withdrawn and will be brought back on the June 8th agenda.
- e) **Bid Award – Moveable Walls, PMS.** This item was withdrawn and will be brought back on the June 8th agenda.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Finance:** See above.
- b) **Policy.**
 - a) **Approval of Proposed Policy #5100.1 Wellness, 1st Reading.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Carpender to approve the proposed policy on Wellness as a first reading. So voted 7-0.
- c) **Gymnasium Construction Oversight Committee (GCOC)**
 - 1) **Approval of Progress Payment for Gym.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the progress payment of Invoice #05-095-00007 from Advanced Building Concepts in the amount of \$748,000. So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.

- 2) **Approval of Change Orders.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the change orders totaling \$22,360, as presented below, and as approved by the GCOC:

1. PCO 11 Site Work Allowances: Credit for \$-2,610
2. PCO 15 Domestic Water Pump \$7,259
3. PCO 16 Light Switch Controller \$6,888
4. PCO 20 Telephone Ductbank \$8,229
5. PCO 37 Masonry Modifications \$-174
6. PCO 39 Fire Department Changes \$1,415
7. PCO 40 Door Closers \$1,002
8. PCO 43 Modification to Sink \$-870
9. PCO 45 Plumbing \$1,221

So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.

- d) **Fundraising:** Mr. Croston reported that two events have been scheduled: a private cocktail reception at Carnegie Abbey, and a fundraiser at Brick Alley Pub. The information will be sent out on the School Department listservs and sent home in backpacks. They are hoping to have 250 in attendance at the Brick Alley Pub event.

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Wilkey to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. Public Session adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for

Douglas Wilkey, Clerk